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Item Number: 1.12

MEETING DATE: 10/24/2023

DEPARTMENT: RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Celina Stotler

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SUBJECT:

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY – S. LOUPE, PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATOR

Authorize the CAO to sign the letter of commitment for the County of Monterey's grant application for the California Air Resources Board Advanced Technology Demonstration and Pilot Projects program.
SBC FILE NUMBER: 118

AGENDA SECTION:

CONSENT AGENDA

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

California Air Resources Board (CARB) Advanced Technology Demonstration and Pilot Projects Program - Green Zones

The State of California, California Air Resources Board (CARB) issued a Grant Solicitation on July 14, 2023 under the Advanced Technology Demonstration and Pilot Projects program. Included within this solicitation was a first-time program focused on supporting broad and creative roads to zero-emission adoption at the municipal level, the Green Zones program. Green Zones seeks to fund zero-emission holistic projects that could be focused on almost any operations within a city, municipality, or group of cities that currently use combustion technologies in carrying out the duties of the municipality. Proposal are due October 26th, an award decision is anticipated by the end of the year, with contracts estimated to be complete by March of 2024.

Regional Climate Project Working Group (RCPWG)

San Benito County staff participates in a regional collaborative with the Counties of Monterey and Santa Cruz and the Cities of Santa Cruz and Watsonville called the Regional Climate Project Working Group (RCPWG) to develop, prioritize, secure funding for, and effectively and equitably advocate for and implement regionally beneficial climate mitigation and adaptation projects and programs. These jurisdictions leveraged local funds to match a \$100,000 grant from Central Coast Community Energy to develop governance and secure grant writing services.

Federal Highway Administration EV Charging Grant - Potential Match for the Advanced Technology Demonstration and Pilot Projects Program Grant Application

In June, the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments contributed their staff time to the grant writing services and served as lead applicant on a \$15M proposal to the Federal Highway Administration on behalf of the RCPWG and other jurisdictions in the three counties. \$1,168,000 of the \$15M was proposed for San Benito County EV Charging infrastructure. The overall proposal was for 156 electric vehicle (EV) charging sites to provide 648 Level 2 ports and 32 DC fast charging ports across the various jurisdictions. The RCPWG is now developing this second grant proposal on behalf of the collaborative, with Monterey County to serve as lead applicant.

In order to leverage the pending Federal Highway Administration grant for EV charging, staff from the RCPWG member jurisdictions have been identifying municipal fleet electrification opportunities as the focus of the Green Zones grant proposal. For the three-year grant period, San Benito County staff has worked to identify some desired EV purchases with grant funds, EVs that the County currently owns or will be or will be purchasing with other funds (to serve as match), currently owned EV charging infrastructure or EV charging infrastructure that will be purchased with other funds (to serve as match), and staff time (to serve as match). Each jurisdiction will be responsible for providing the required 1:1 match for their EV and EV charging infrastructure purchases.

The CARB Advanced Technology Demonstration and Pilot Projects grant proposal is due October 26th, with a letter of commitment from each participating jurisdiction committing to the entity's share of the match and describing cash and in-kind contribution.

RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:

No

CONTRACT NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:

No

CONTRACT AND RFP HISTORY:

N/A

LAST CONTRACT AMOUNT OR N/A:

N/A

**STATE IF THIS IS A NEW CONTRACT/ HOW MANY PAST AMENDED CONTRACTS/ OR
N/A:
N/A**

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 1. Operational Development & Excellence

Yes

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 2. Planning And Sustainable Growth

Yes

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 3. Technology

Yes

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 4. Community Engagement

Yes

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 5. Health & Safe Community

Yes

BUDGETED:

N/A

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT NEEDED:

N/A

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

UNFUNDED MANDATE:

N/A

SBC BUDGET LINE ITEM NUMBER:

N/A

CURRENT FY COST:

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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California Air Resources Board Advanced Technology Demonstration and Pilot Projects program.

ATTACHMENTS:

[Green Zones Letter 10-25-2023 LETTER HEAD -CAO](#)